surveillance and deterrent punitive action is being followed by the Government to fight against corruption.

Appointment of Consultants in Ministries

2027. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) it is a fact that consultants are appointed in various Ministries and Departments;

(b) if so, the details of the existing appointments under each Ministry and Department, separately; and

(c) the rules under which these appointments have been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information available is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) The appointments of consultants are made as per executive instructions and guidelines the latest of which was issued vide OM No. 16012/7/97-Estt.(AL) Dt. 13.2.98.

Statement *List of Consultants engaged by various Ministries/Departments*

SI. No.	Name of the Ministry/ Department	No. of Consultants as on date	Official/Non-official
1	2	3	4
1.	Ministry of Urban Development	1	Official Non-
2.	Department of Biotechnology	1	official Non-
3.	Ministry of Rural Development	1	official

1	2	3	4
4.	Department of Atomic Energy	2	Official
5.	Ministry of Defence	3	Official
6.	Ministry of Disinvestment	(5)2 3	Official Non-official
7.	M/Statistics & Programme Implementation	3	Non-official
8.	North Eastern Council Sectt.	1	Official
9.	BSF(MHA)	1	Official
10.	Deptt. of Telecommunication	(2)1 1	Official Non-official
11.	M/Finance (D/Eco. Affairs)	(2)1	Non-offical Official
12.	Min. of Tourism & Culture	1	Non-official
13.	M/Defence, Defence Res. & Dev. Orgn.	3	Official
14.	Department of Posts	4	Non-official
15.	National Human Rights Commission	3	Official
16.	SP, CBI	1	Official
17.	"Cabinet Sectt. (National Security Council Sectt.	1	Non-official
18.	Ministry of External Affairs	1	Official
19.	National Security Guards Hqrs.	1	Official
20.	Planning Commission	12	Non-official
	TOTAL NUMBER OF CONSULTANTS	49	